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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

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FOR AMBASSADORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: COUNTER TERRORISM IMPROVEMENTS TO OVERSEAS POSTS

INFORM CONSULS

1. SINCE THE INITIAL COUNTER TERRORISM SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF 1974, WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN UPGRADING OUR DEFENSES AGAINST TERRORISM AT ALL OF OUR OVERSEAS POSTS. WE HAVE HAD THE COOPERATION AND FULL SUPPORT OF CONGRESS AND OMB IN FUNDING THESE PROJECTS AND I THINK WE CAN TAKE SOME PRIDE IN SAYING THAT THE OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAFER FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS, AND OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

2. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY DESIRE THAT OUR COUNTER TERRORIST DEFENSES REMAIN AT PEAK EFFECTIVENESS. YOU WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT, FAR FROM PREDICTING A DECLINE IN

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TERRORIST ACTIVITES, RECENT STUDIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE

LEVEL OF TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL AND
INSTALLATIONS WILL REMAIN CONSTANT AND POSSIBLY INCREASE -
HARDLY A TIME TO RELAX OUR VIGILANCE.

3. TO ENSURE THAT THE DETERRENTS AND DEFENSES THAT WE HAVE
ESTABLISHED REMAIN IN-PLACE THROUGH SUCCESSIONS OF AMBASSA-
DORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PRIOR TO

ANY ALTERATION IN THE PHYSICAL SECURITY DEFENSES OF OUR
MISSIONS, DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL BE OBTAINED FOR THE
CHANGE. SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY
DETAILED; THEY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE
DRAWINGS; AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL
SECURITY OFFICER'S COMMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CARE-
FULLY REVIEW EACH RECOMMENDED CHANGE AND CABLE CONCURRENCE
OR DISAPPROVAL TO THE POST. KISSINGER

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